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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Freedman
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SUBJECT: **GORETTI HEALTH SERVICES**

This is to inform you that Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) has ended its contractual relationship with Goretti Health Services (GHS), a Drug/Medi-Cal (DMC) contract agency. The contract expired on June 30, 2008, and ADPA did not process GHS' renewal agreement.

The basis for this decision is an Auditor-Controller investigation which concluded that the agency attempted to bribe an ADPA staff member in March 2008. The investigation found that GHS attempted to give \$1,000 cash to an ADPA staff member to obtain more favorable contract monitoring results.

ADPA is recommending to the Board that the County decline to contract with GHS. California State Health and Safety Code Section 11758.43 requires the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (SDADP) to contract directly with State-certified DMC providers, when the County declines to contract with the provider. However, before it can do so, SDADP requires that the County Board of Supervisors inform SDADP in writing of its intent to not contract with the provider.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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